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[Despatch Abstract.]

**Sub: Grow More Food - New well subsidy scheme 1947-48 - Progress
Report for month of November, 1948 - Board's Review -
Recorded.**

Revenue Department.
Abstract.

Grow More Food - Well Subsidy Schemes - New Well Subsidy
Schemes - 1947-48 - Progress Report for November 1948 - Reviewed.

Res.Rt.No. 44

Station: Chepauk, Madras

dated 4th January. 1949.

From

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hibition.

Read the following: Reports from the Collectors.

Resolution:

The Board submits to the Government its re-
view on the working of the New Well Subsidy Scheme 1947-48
during November 1948.

2. The reports were due to the Board on
10.12.1948. The Collectors of North Arcot, Chittoor, Tiru-
chirappalli, Tirunelveli, Ramnad, Mathurai, Salem, Coimbatore,
Bellary, Anantapur, Cuddapah, East Godavari and Guntur sub-
mitted their reports in time. The delay in the submission
of the reports from other Collectors ranged from 2 to 13
days. In spite of an advance reminder, a telegraphic and
G.O. reminders the last report was received only on 23.12.1948
from the Collector of Nellore. The failure to submit the report
on the due date in spite of the Board's instructions in its
Proceedings L.Dis.V.Spl. 6444/48, dated 24.11.1948 that the fi-
gures for the treasury month may be adopted for the purpose
of the monthly reports, is most unsatisfactory. The Govern-
ment have pointed out the delay in the submission of the
reports and have issued orders that the returns must reach
them on the due dates without fail. The Board hopes that the
Collectors will take special steps to see that their re-
ports in future are despatched on the due dates so as to ena-
ble the Board to submit its report in time.

3. The following table will show at one view the
progress made in the working of the scheme during and upto the
end of November, 1948:--

No. of wells subsidised.	Number of wells completed.	No. of wells in progress.	No. of wells not yet star- ted.	Number in which re- covery of subsidy was ordered or made of write off has been sanctioned.
	In the month. 2(a)	Upto the month. 2(b)		
1.			4.	
Wells 46,846*	13,961	11,252	17	1,801
New Tanks 105	105	38	68	
Old Tanks 156		50	106	

Additional area brought under irrigation.	Additional quantity of food grains produced.	Remarks.
6.		8.
Wells. 9,334.16 Acs. 5,134.01 tons.		*The increase in the
New Tanks. 48.00 "	13.00 "	total number of wells
Old " 13.00 "	7.50 "	subsidised by 314 over
		the figures reported
		in the last month's
		review is due to the
		increase by 313 wells
		in Ramnad district and
		1 well in Chittoor.
		The variation is ex-
		plained in the foot
		note to the statement.

4. In spite of the fact that the scheme has been in force for nearly 1½ years the number of wells so far of wells subsidised. The number of wells completed is less than 10% of the sanctioned number of wells in Kurnool, Salem, Anantapur and nearly so in Nellore. The Board is at a loss to understand why a large number of well works has not yet been started. The time for the completion of wells subsidised under this scheme has been extended upto 30.6.1949. But only wells in which some progress is shown by the end of January, 1949 will be eligible for the extension of time now granted. Otherwise, the amount of subsidy will be recovered summarily from the grantees. A special drive should therefore be undertaken to induce the grantees of subsidy loans to commence work at once and to complete the same within the extended time.

5. The figures in column 4(b) of the statement should be equal to the total of column 4(b) of the statement for the previous month + 4(a) of the statement for the present month. But there is a decrease by 19 wells. This is due to revised figures now furnished in column 4(b) of the statement by the Collectors of Coimbatore and Nellore. The variation has not been explained.

6. In spite of the clear instructions issued in the matter, there is no uniformity in furnishing the details in columns 4(b), 5, 6, 7 and 8(b) of the statement.

In the returns from the Collectors of Chittoor, Kurnool, Salem, Nellore, Anantapur, Krishna and Guntur, the total of columns 4(b), 5, 6, 7 and 8(b) is equal to the figure in column 2(b), whereas in the returns from North Arcot, Tiruchirappalli, Tirunelveli, Ramnad, South Arcot, Vizagapatam, Bellary, Cuddapah, East Godavari, and West Godavari the figures in column 8(b) have not been taken into account for arriving at the figure in column 2(b). The figures in column 2(b) of the statements from Chingleput, Mathurai and Coimbatore are not properly accounted for by details fur-

Appendix.

New-Well Subsidy Scheme 1947-1948.

District.	Column.	Figures ought to be according to the previous month's report.	Figures furnished by Collr. for the month under review.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5
1. Doimbatore.	4(b)	336 + 152 = 488	478	Figure in column 4(b) the previous month's report + figure in column 4(a) of the report under review should be Figure in col. 4(b) of the report under review. But it is not the case in this district.
2. North.	8(b)	26 + 3 = 29	22	Figure in column 8(b) of the previous month's report + Figure in col. 8(a) of the report under review should be = Figure in Col. 8(b) of the report under review. But variation not explained.
3. Tirunelveli.	8(b)	3	Nil.	Omission not explained.
4. West Godavari.	8(b)	15	Nil.	
5. Salem.	13(b)			
6. Nellore	4(b)	189	180	See remarks column in serial 1.
7. Ramnad.	2(b) 3(b)	3,796 Rs. 18,36,775	4,109 Rs. 18,22,075	If the number of wells increased as a consequent on the correction of word <u>cases</u> into <u>wells</u> in the amount of subsidy already paid to them. Therefore the decrease in the amount as shown in the report requires explanation.

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nished in the other columns. According to column 2(b) of the statements from Chingleput and Coimbatore the total number of wells for which subsidies have been granted is 3,082 and 2,247 respectively. But according to the details in columns 4(b), 5, 6, 7 and 8(b) the number is only 3,078 and 2,227 respectively. The difference of 4 and 20 wells respectively has not been explained. The total of columns 4(b), 5, 6, 7 and 8(b) in the return from Mathurai is 2,764 whereas the total number of wells for which subsidies had been granted is only 2,731 according to column 2(b). The difference of 33 wells requires explanation. This shows a very unsatisfactory state of affairs. As has been told time and again, the total of columns 4(b), 5, 6, 7 and 8(b) must be equal to the figure in column 2(b) and any variation should invariably be explained. The Collectors are requested to impress this on their subordinates and see ~~that~~ the figures are tallied before their ~~leaked~~. This mistake should not recur. returns are sent to the Board.

There is also some confusion in furnishing the figures in columns 6, 7 and 8(b). If a well is shown in any one of these columns it should not be taken into account for arriving at the figures for any other column. This fundamental principle has been over looked. This mistake should not recur.

The Board observes that the additional area brought under irrigation and the additional quantity of food grains produced are not proportionate to the number of wells reported to have been completed upto the month. Each well completed should be able to irrigate at least one acre and produce $\frac{1}{2}$ tons/ of additional food grains. The total number of wells completed in the whole Province upto the month under review has been shown as 12,217. The additional area brought under irrigation is, however, reported to be only 9,334.16 acres and the additional quantity of food grains produced has been shown as only 3,134.01 tons. The Collectors are requested to see that actual figures are reported with the necessary remarks. If a well was completed too late in the month to raise any crops a remark to that effect may be added. If the yield in a particular field was poor the fact may be mentioned in the statement.

7. Other minor discrepancies noticed have been shown in the appendix to these proceedings.

8. Collectors are requested to personally satisfy themselves that the Board's instructions have been followed carefully and that the cross checking of the columns has been made and the figures tallied before the returns are despatched.

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for Joint Secretary.

To
The Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras
The Collectors of all Districts except Madras and the Nilgiris, with an appendix.

Copy to the:

Special Deputy Collectors for wells, with an Appendix.
Director of Agriculture, Madras.

Secretary, Ceded Districts Economic Development Board, Madras, with extracts of statements for districts of Chittoor, Cuddapah, Kurnool, Bellary and Anantapur.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
ABSTRACT

Grow More Food - New well subsidy scheme 1947-48 - Progress Report for month of November, 1948 - Board's review - Recorded.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT

G.O. Ms. No. 595

dated 10.3.49.
Read the following:

From the Board of Revenue, No.
Res.Rt. 44/~~4~~49-4-1-49

ORDER:

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2. The Government observe that the progress made in the construction of wells so far is not encouraging.

(By order of H.E. the Governor)

Secretary to Government

To the Board of Revenue.

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